AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A spacer suitable for use in separating smooth surfaces of adjacent pieces of fragile material, comprising:

a first foam layer with a tendency to cling to smooth surfaces; and

bonded to the first foam layer to form a single structure without the use of adhesives, laminations, or other bonding agents, a second foam layer having a higher density and a lower tendency to cling to smooth surfaces than the first foam layer.

- 2. (Original) The spacer of claim 1, further comprising a release layer adjacent to the first foam layer, wherein the release layer is removed from the first foam layer prior to use.
- 3. (Original) The spacer of claim 2, wherein the release layer is a silicone-treated, gloss-surfaced carrier sheet.

- 4. (Original) The spacer of claim 1, wherein the first and second foam layers are formed from a flexible, polyvinylchloride foam plastisol.
- 5. (Original) The spacer of claim 1, wherein the first foam layer has a density of about 8-15 lb/ft³.
- 6. (Original) The spacer of claim 1, wherein the second foam layer has a density of about 25-35 lb/ft³.
- 7. (Original) The spacer of claim 1, wherein an exposed surface of the second foam layer is embossed to impart a rough texture.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The spacer of claim 1, wherein the first and second foam layers have different colors.
- 9. (Withdrawn) A method for forming a multi-density foam structure, comprising:
- applying a first liquid to a carrier sheet and allowing the first liquid to gel into a first layer;

applying a second liquid onto the first layer and allowing the second liquid to gel into a second layer; and

curing the first and second layers in the presence of heat to form a single structure with a first foam layer and a second foam layer having a higher density than the first foam layer.

- 10. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9, further comprising applying heat to expedite gelling of the first and second liquids.
- 11. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9, further comprising embossing an exposed surface of the second foam layer to impart a rough texture.
- 12. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9, wherein the first and second foam layers are formed from a flexible, polyvinylchloride foam plastisol.
- 13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9, wherein the first foam layer has a density of about $8-15 \text{ lb/ft}^3$ and the second foam layer has a density of about $25-35 \text{ lb/ft}^3$.

14. (Withdrawn) A method for forming a multi-density foam structure suitable for use in separating smooth surfaces of adjacent pieces of fragile material, comprising:

applying a first liquid to a carrier sheet;

heating the carrier sheet with the first liquid to a first temperature to cause the first liquid to gel to form a first layer;

applying a second liquid onto the first layer to form a second layer; and heating the carrier sheet, the first layer, and the second layer to a second temperature to cause fusion of the first and second layers to form a single structure with a first foam layer and a second foam layer having a higher density than the first foam layer.

- 15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, further comprising embossing an exposed surface of the second foam layer to impart a rough texture.
- 16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, wherein the first temperature is at least about 280°F but less than about 350°F.
- 17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, wherein the second temperature is approximately 460-510°F.

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- 18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, wherein the first and second foam layers are formed from a flexible, polyvinylchloride foam plastisol.
- 19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, wherein the first foam layer has a density of about 8-15 lb/ft³ and the second foam layer has a density of about 25-35 lb/ft³.